1	2	3	4
14.	Tamil Nadu	To allocate 81000 MT of rice w.e.f. June 1997 for six months.	Additional allocation of 81000 MT rice per month has been made at economic cost.
15.	Tripura	To allocate 1020 MT of rice *w.e f.* June 1997.	Additional allocation of 1020 MT rice per month has been made at economic cost.
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Request to allot addl. 2.00 lakh MT of wheat per annum.	Not possible to accomodate the request in view of the stock constraints.
17.	West Bengal	Restoration of allocation of foodgrains to May '97 level (pre TPDS).	Not possible to accomodate the request in view of the stock constraints.
18.	Delhi	Enhancement in monthly allocation— Wheat from 40,400 to 65,000 MT and Rice from 12,890 to 20,000 MT. Besides it, to allocate 80 MT of rice and 150 MT of wheat w.e.f. July 97 for Para Military Forces.	Not possible to accomodate the request in view of the stock constraints. However additional allocation of 80 MT of rice and 150 MT of wheat w.e.f. July 97 has been made at economic cost for para-Military Forces.

Re-Categorisation of Subsidy Under Drip Irrigation Scheme

1099. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Committee for the re-categorisation of States for the distribution of subsidy under Drip Irrigation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received the recommendations from the said Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the States which have been categorised;

(e) if not, the stage at which the matter is pending at present; and

(f) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No Sir. However a Committee was constituted in August, 1996 to go into various aspects of the cost of the components and system used for drip irrigation.

(c) to (f) Does not arise.

Scholarship to SC/ST

1100. SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been gross irregularities in the disbursement of scholarships to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in different parts of the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount granted as grants to States/UTs during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) The irregularities in the disbursement of Scholarship to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have come to the notice through press reports. The State Governments have been requested to send the details in this regard. The Central assistance released to the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh during last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Central Assistance Released	
	Madhya Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh
1994-95	725.23	386.9588
1995-96	820.89	1669.82
1996-97	1982.79	2070.823

Procurement of Wheat

1101. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether none of the wheat procurement centres has been able to achieve its target and the farmers are compelled to adopt other crops than wheat cultivation and the situation is alarming due to this reason;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) The procurement of wheat under Price Support Scheme is voluntary in nature for the farmers. As such, no target of procurement of wheat is fixed.

A quantity of 92.63 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured for Central Pool upto 21.7.97 in the current 1997-98 Rabi Marketing Season as against 81.83 lakh tonnes procured in the previous season 1996-97.

The All India Production of wheat during 1996-97 crop year is likely to be about 68.71 million tonnes, which is higher by 9.73% than the production of 62.62 million tonnes achieved in 1995-96 crop year.

The MSP is fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices which takes into account the cost of inputs and all other relevant factors for determining a remunerative price for agricultural produce. The interests of the farmers are thus fully protected.

Inventory Holding in Super Bazar

1102. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 710 dated November 26, 1996 regarding inventory holding in Super Bazar and state:

(a) whether the level of inventory holding has come down without affecting the sales of the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the details of the inventory holdings and the sales from October, 1996 to June 30, 1997, Department-wise and month-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Super Bazar is to recover the amount from its debtors;

(e) if so, the details with amounts outstanding against each one of them as on June 30, 1997 and since when the same is outstanding;

(f) whether the efforts have been made by the Super Bazar to recover these dues;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the manner in which the inventory holding compare with the Kendriya Bhandar, Department-wise and month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by Super Bazar the turnover of Super Bazar during year 1996-97 was to the tune of Rs. 141.05 crores as against Rs. 139.48 crores during the previous year. Similarly, the inventory holding during 1996-97 (in the month of March) was Rs. 9.63 crores against Rs. 9.89 crores during previous year. The consolidated monthwise position of sales and inventory holding is as under:—

Month	Sale	Inventory Holding
1	2	3
1996		
October	1087.50	1130.32
November	1114.49	1152.17
December	1127.48	1138.12